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SUBJECT: FACH TRIAL VERDICTS AND SENTENCES ANNOUNCED

REF: SANTIAGO 4322, 1936

1. SUMMARY. SIXTY-FIVE VERDICTS AND SENTENCES OF CHILEAN AIR FORCE (FACH) TRIAL WHICH ENDED JUNE 7 ANNOUNCED JULY 30. FOUR DEATH SENTENCES DECREED, INCLUDING CIVILIAN CARLOS LAZO, AND TWO LIFE TERMS; OTHER SENTENCES RANGE UP TO 20 YEARS. ONLY THREE ABSOLVED. ALL SENTENCES WILL BE REVIEWED BY REGIONAL AIR FORCE ZONE COMMANDER GEN. JOSE BERDICHEVSKY, AND EXPECTATION IS THAT DEATH SENTENCES WILL BE COMMUTED. END SUMMARY.

2. FACH TRIBUNAL JULY 30 ANNOUNCED VERDICTS AND SENTENCES OF FACH PERSONNEL AND SOME CIVILIANS TRIED DURING APRIL, MAY AND JUNE ON VARIOUS CHARGES OF TREASON, SUBVERSION, INDISCIPLINE, AND DELIVERING CLASSIFIED INFORMATION TO THE "ENEMY" BEFORE COUP OF SEPT 11, 1973.

3. COURT DECREED FOUR DEATH SENTENCES (PROSECUTION HAD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ASKED FOR SIX): FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF STATE BANK CARLOS LAZO

(PROSECUTION HAD ASKED LIFE), AND FORMER COLONEL ERNESTO GALAZ GUZMAN, FORMER CAPTAIN RAUL VERGARA MENESES, AND FORMER SERGEANT BELARMINO CONSTANZO MERINO. PROSECUTION HAD ASKED DEATH FOR LATTER THREE.

4. LIFE IMPRISONMENT DECREED FOR TWO: FORMER CAPTAIN CARLOS CARBACHO ASTORGA (PROSECUTION HAD ASKED DEATH), AND FORMER CORPORAL IVAN FIGUEROA ARANADA (PROSECUTION ASKED 20 YEARS.)

5. FORMER SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER AND SENATOR ERICK SCHNAKE WAS SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS (PROSECUTION ASKED 30 YEARS). ONLY WOMAN TRIED, MARIA TERESA WEDELES MENDEZ, SENTENCED TO 300 DAYS (PROSECUTION ASKED 541 DAYS). PROSECUTION HAD ASKED DEATH FOR TWO OTHERS, FORMER SERGEANT MARIO O'RYAN MUNOZ, WHO SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS, AND FORMER CONSCRIPT (PRIVATE) RICARDO GALVEZ ULLOA, WHO SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS.

6. REMAINING SENTENCES RANGE FROM 20 YEARS DOWN TO 300 DAYS. TIME SINCE ARREST (FOR MOST IN SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER 1973) COUNTED AGAINST SENTENCES, AND SOME WILL THUS BE FREED SOON.

7. COMMENT. ALL SENTENCES WILL NOW BE REVIEWED BY AIR FORCE ZONE COMMANDER, GEN. BERDICHEVSKY WHO CAN APPROVE, REVOKE OR MODIFY SENTENCES. IT IS GENERALLY EXPECTED THAT AT LEAST DEATH SENTENCES WILL BE COMMUTED.  
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